



Annual Report on World Humanitarian Summit Commitments - IMPACT Initiatives 2016



Stakeholder Information

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IMPACT Initiatives

Organisational Type
NGO - International

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1B Act early

Core Commitments

Commitment	Core Responsibility
Commit to make successful conflict prevention visible by capturing, consolidating and sharing good practices and lessons learnt.	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts

Where did your organization stand on these issues prior to making these commitments

IMPACT provides assessment and M&E capacity in order to prevent and respond to crises, mainly through its REACH initiative.

Next step to advance implementation in 2017

Continue working on supporting sudden onset or preparedness interventions of humanitarian and development partners, by providing assessment and M&E capacity within the framework of REACH.

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Agenda for Humanity

4B - Anticipate, do not wait, for crises



1C Remain engaged and invest in stability

Core Commitments

Commitment	Core Responsibility
Commit to address root causes of conflict and work to reduce fragility by investing in the development of inclusive, peaceful societies.	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts

Where did your organization stand on these issues prior to making these commitments

IMPACT is committed to support an evidence-based shift between humanitarian and development assistance in countries affected by crises. Within this context, IMPACT is committed to provide information on needs and vulnerabilities, context and trends, to support efficient and targeted aid delivery.

Achievements at a glance

IMPACT continues to support evidence-based planning in numerous protracted crises, including Jordan, Iraq, Syria, Somalia, South Sudan and Afghanistan.

Next step to advance implementation in 2017

IMPACT will continue implementing evidence-based assessments and M&E to inform efficient planning and coordination of humanitarian and development responses in contexts of (post-)crises.

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4C - Deliver collective outcomes:
transcend humanitarian-development
divides



3A Reduce and address displacement

Core Commitments

Commitment	Core Responsibility
Commit to a new approach to addressing forced displacement that not only meets immediate humanitarian needs but reduces vulnerability and improves the resilience, self-reliance and protection of refugees and IDPs. Commit to implementing this new approach through coherent international, regional and national efforts that recognize both the humanitarian and development challenges of displacement. Commit to take the necessary political, policy, legal and financial steps required to address these challenges for the specific context.	Leave No One Behind
Commit to promote and support safe, dignified and durable solutions for internally displaced persons and refugees. Commit to do so in a coherent and measurable manner through international, regional and national programs and by taking the necessary policy, legal and financial steps required for the specific contexts and in order to work towards a target of 50 percent reduction in internal displacement by 2030.	Leave No One Behind

Where did your organization stand on these issues prior to making these commitments

IMPACT, through its REACH initiative, supports humanitarian and development actors in understanding displacement. Within this framework, IMPACT aims to continue contributing to the research and understanding of displacement both within and across borders.

Achievements at a glance

IMPACT/REACH have been providing assessment capacity to better understand displacement and inform evidence-based decision making in Iraq, Syria, Jordan, Afghanistan, Italy, Greece, Libya, South Sudan, Somalia/Kenya, Uganda, Chad, CAR and Niger.

How is your organization assessing progress

Expansion of programs on the theme of displacement; quality of outputs; usage of outputs.

Next step to advance implementation in 2017

IMPACT/REACH will continue expanding the work related to displacement and migration across all its countries of intervention, in order to provide information on displacement trends and intentions, population profiles, enabling an efficient delivery of aid.

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Keywords

IDPs

Refugees

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3B - Address the vulnerabilities of migrants and provide more regular and lawful opportunities for migration



4A Reinforce, do not replace, national and local systems

Core Commitments

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Commit to reinforce national and local leadership and capacities in managing disaster and climate-related risks through strengthened preparedness and predictable response and recovery arrangements.	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need
Commit to ensure regional and global humanitarian assistance for natural disasters complements national and local efforts.	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need
Commit to empower national and local humanitarian action by increasing the share of financing accessible to local and national humanitarian actors and supporting the enhancement of their national delivery systems, capacities and preparedness planning.	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need Invest in Humanity

Where did your organization stand on these issues prior to making these commitments

Within the framework of IMPACT's AGORA initiative, IMPACT has been developing and promoting new models for understanding of local contexts and capacities, and stronger coordination among local and international actors. IMPACT organised events on this subject during the WHS, and has commitment to transform this commitment into concrete support for more integrated responses in countries in crisis.

Achievements at a glance

IMPACT has conducted pilots for area-based data collection and coordination in Jeremie (Haiti), Mafrag (Jordan) and Bangui (CAR).

How is your organization assessing progress

Number of pilots; progress and outcome of pilots.

Next step to advance implementation in 2017

IMPACT will continue to implement pilots in contexts of sudden and protracted crises, such as Haiti, CAR, Somalia, Afghanistan, Jordan, Niger, in order to support area-based response and coordination, bridging the gap between international and local stakeholders. IMPACT will also work closely with UCLG in order to develop peer-to-peer support networks among municipalities, to provide additional support and capacity to local actors.

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4B Anticipate, do not wait, for crises

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<p>Commit to improve the understanding, anticipation and preparedness for disaster and climate-related risks by investing in data, analysis and early warning, and developing evidence-based decision-making processes that result in early action.</p>	<p>Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need</p>

Where did your organization stand on these issues prior to making these commitments

IMPACT/REACH works closely with the aid community overall to identify priority needs of affected communities and ensure tailored responses, enabling affected communities to end their need and dependence on external aid.

Next step to advance implementation in 2017

IMPACT/REACH will continue to support the aid community to identify priority needs of affected communities and ensure tailored responses are provided, enabling affected communities to end their needs and dependence on external aid.

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Keywords

Accountability to affected people

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4A - Reinforce, do not replace, national and local systems



4C Deliver collective outcomes: transcend humanitarian-development divides

Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
IMPACT Initiatives commits to develop and operationalise settlement-based approaches for more efficient humanitarian responses in urban areas.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need
IMPACT Initiatives, through its REACH initiative, commits to continue promoting innovation among humanitarian actors, and providing support to mainstream innovative approaches among humanitarian responders for a more efficient response.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need
IMPACT Initiatives, UNOSAT and ACTED, through their joint REACH initiative, commit to continue generating evidence and contextual understanding as a basis for decision-making, aid planning and delivery, in both protracted and sudden onset crisis, including in hard-to-reach areas.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need

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Where did your organization stand on these issues prior to making these commitments

Ensuring more evidence-based planning, including through a better understanding of areas and communities affected by crises.

Achievements at a glance

IMPACT continues to conduct large needs assessments through its initiative REACH, in order to provide evidence for decision-maker to humanitarian and policy stakeholders. Over the past year, REACH facilitated joint needs assessments in Syria, Iraq, Jordan, Afghanistan, Libya, Somalia, South Sudan, Niger, Chad, Haiti and other countries affected by crises.

IMPACT also launched two global pilots of how to better respond and coordinate through area/settlement-based approaches, and conducted the first pilots in Jordan and Haiti.

How is your organization assessing progress



- Increased usage of data as a basis for decision making.
- Increased usage of settlement-approaches as a unit for planning and delivery of aid

Challenges faced in implementation

Need to develop predictable partnerships to ensure more systematic assessments are conducted in contexts of crises.

Next step to advance implementation in 2017

REACH will continue to facilitate needs assessments and M&E activities in support of humanitarian and development actors in countries in crisis. Moreover, IMPACT - through its new initiative AGORA - and in partnership with the EU, USAID and UCLG will continue implementing pilots for settlement-based responses.

If you had one message for the annual report on what is most needed to advance the transformation Deliver collective outcomes: transcend humanitarian-development divides , what would it be

IMPACT believes that more efficient responses to humanitarian crises will be made possible by ensuring a greater understanding of the needs and capacities of local populations and local actors, and by ensuring a more integrated and multi-sectorial response to the needs of communities.

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Keywords

- People-centred approach Urban

Specific Initiatives

- Commitment to Action: Transcending the humanitarian - development divide Global Alliance for Urban Crises

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- 4A - Reinforce, do not replace, national and local systems



5A Invest in local capacities

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Where did your organization stand on these issues prior to making these commitments

IMPACT is working in close collaboration with United Cities in Local Governance in order to develop a peer-to-peer support network for municipalities in countries affected by crises. Building on its Cities in Crisis study, launched during the WHS, IMPACT continues to work for an increased focus on supporting local response capacities.

Achievements at a glance

Partnership with UCLG; first deployment in Jeremie (Haiti) and Bangui (CAR).

Next step to advance implementation in 2017

Further build peer-to-peer roster for local actors/authorities, in order to have a predictable capacity to support local authorities in contexts of crisis.

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5E Diversify the resource base and increase cost-efficiency

Core Commitments

Commitment	Core Responsibility
Commit to promote and increase predictable, multi-year, unearmarked, collaborative and flexible humanitarian funding toward greater efficiency, effectiveness, transparency and accountability of humanitarian action for affected people.	Invest in Humanity

Where did your organization stand on these issues prior to making these commitments

IMPACT is supporting local actors (mainly governance actors) in responding to crises, in partnership with UCLG.

Next step to advance implementation in 2017

Continue building a peer-to-peer municipality support network for local authorities, in partnership between IMPACT and UCLG.